

Forces Day and the exemplary service of the members of the United States Armed Forces;

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Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act of 2009: H.R. 1209, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history; and

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Granting the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II: H.R. 347, to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

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Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Representative Luján.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5489, H5577.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5498, H5499, H5499–H5500, H5521, H5522, H5523, H5538–39, H5549, H5550. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the

Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Eric Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on the State Department. Testimony was heard from Jack Lew, Deputy Secretary, Management and Resources, Department of State.

DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT NATIONAL SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy national security programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Ines R. Triay, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management (Acting); and Glenn S. Podonsky, Chief, Health, Safety, and Security Officer.

PREVENTING FORECLOSURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Role of NeighborWorks and Housing Counseling Intermediaries in Prevention of Foreclosures." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOW INCOME COUNTRIES/GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Implications of the G–20 Leaders Summit for Low Income Countries and the Global Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Building Capacity to Protect U.S. National Security: The Fiscal Year 2010 International Affairs Budget. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Secretary, Management and Resources, Department of State.

HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2010 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 848, amended, Performance Rights Act; and H.R. 2344, Webster Settlement Act of 2009.

The Committee began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 1741, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009; and H.R. 2247, Congressional Review Act Improvement Act.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business, including a resolution expanding the responsibilities of the impeachment task force to conduct an inquiry into whether U.S. District Judge Samuel B. Kent should be impeached.

STRENGTHENING FORENSIC SCIENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on the National Research Council’s publication “Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward.” Testimony was heard from Kenneth Melson, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and former Director, Executive Office for the U.S. Attorneys, Department of Justice; Pete Marone, Director, Department of Forensic Science, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1916, Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act; H.R.

2062, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2188, Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Dingell; Paul Schmidt, Assistant Director, Migratory Birds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Kristin Saunders Evans, Assistant Secretary, Land Resources, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

AIG COLLAPSE AND RESCUE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on AIG: Where is the Taxpayer’s Money Going? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2346, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Kaptur, Doggett, Hinojosa, Cuellar, Lewis of California and Wolf.

NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the National Climate Service Act of 2009.

JOB CREATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT OF 2009; AUTO INDUSTRY SMALL SUPPLIERS MANUFACTURERS

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2352, Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled “The Role of Small Business Suppliers and Manufacturers in the Domestic Auto Industry.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET'S ECONOMIC VISIBILITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Economic Viability of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, (CRAF) Program. Testimony was heard from GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD/MARITIME BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Requests of the Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer, Charles Bowen, USCG; David J. Rivait, Associate Administrator, Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and the following Commissioners of the Federal Maritime Commission: Joseph E. Brennan; Harold J. Creel, Jr., and Rebecca F. Dye.

INNOVATIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES/TREATMENTS HELPING VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on Innovative Technologies and Treatments Helping Veterans. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DIVERSITY REPORT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Community Diversity Report. The Committee was briefed by Patricia T. Taylor, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D530)

H.R. 586, to direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement. Signed on May 12, 2009. (Public Law 111-19)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for national intelligence program and military intelligence program, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 supplemental for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the pandemic flu, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Sequestration Program Amendments Act of 2009; to be followed by a business meeting, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions, H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes, S. 529, to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse", H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building"; and Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolution: Miles City and Vicinity, Montana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold a closed meeting to examine expanding health care coverage, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, both of the Department of State, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.